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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Overseas Dissemination by Other IAC Agencies
of National and CIA Intelligence Publications

PROBLEM

1. To determine whether additional control over overseas dissemination of classified national and CIA intelligence publications by other IAC agencies is necessary.

DISCUSSION

2. On April 3, this Office reported to you that we were investigating whether a security problem existed in the overseas dissemination practices of the IAC agencies with respect to classified national and CIA intelligence publications. We have found that the situation varies. In some agencies there is a knowledge of what has been sent overseas; in others, there is almost a complete inability to determine, without extensive research, the overseas dissemination and retention of such intelligence. In none of the agencies is there a record approaching an inventory of what classified national and CIA intelligence publications are filed overseas, and where.

3. We have discussed the situation informally and bilaterally with representatives of State, Army, Navy and Air Force. These agencies have indicated that compliance with a directive which requires knowledge in Washington of the location and amount of classified national and CIA intelligence publications held overseas and a system to control destruction, return or retention overseas of same, would not be difficult for them to initiate.

4. This Office believes that the following recommendations will adequately control the dissemination of classified national and CIA intelligence publications to the overseas components of the other IAC agencies:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That OIC be authorized to negotiate with the IAC agencies the attached draft IAC document concerning the handling of national intelligence.

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2. That OCD be instructed by copy of this memorandum to request that other agencies maintain in Washington an inventory of each classified CIA intelligence publication in the files of their overseas missions and that these agencies require their overseas missions to destroy, return or request their agency's permission to retain classified CIA intelligence publications held for one year or a lesser period (normally six months, as indicated by the forwarding agency), depending upon the subject matter of the intelligence and the particular need of the overseas mission.

CNE, OCD and SCS/EO have concurred.

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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